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For: **PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINES**

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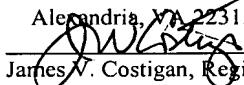
**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action that was mailed April 13, 2004. Kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on August 10, 2004

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